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SUBJ: UN COMMISSIONER MCBRIDE'S VIEWS ON NAMIBIA

1. MISOFF CALLED ON COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, SEAN MCBRIDE, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, FEB 12. MCBRIDE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH OFFICERS WHO FOCUSED ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS FROM ALL MISSIONS. MISOFF USED OCCASION TO INFORM MCBRIDE OF US GOVT'S AGREEMENT TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO UN TRUST FUND FOR NAMIBIA. HE EXPLAINED TO MCBRIDE THAT OUR CONTRIBUTION COULD NOT BE GREATER THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND, IN ANY EVENT, COULD NOT EXCEED \$50,000; FURTHER, THAT UNLESS REGULAR BUDGET FUNDING FOR NAMIBIA CEASES, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER US GOVT CONTRIBUTIONS. MCBRIDE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE USG FOR ITS GIFT.

2. MCBRIDE WAS MOST CONCERNED OVER RECENT ARRESTS IN NAMIBIA AND NOTED THAT SYG WOULD BE ISSUING A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE MATTER EITHER EVENING FEB. 12, PRIOR TO HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA, OR UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN AFRICA. MCBRIDE

HIMSELF IS LEAVING FOR LUSAKA AND DAR-ES-SALAAM, TO MEET WITH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE LATER THIS MONTH. HE ALSO WILL BE MEETING WITH OAU FONMINS IN ADDIS FEB 27. MCBRIDE WILL SET FORTH TO THEM THE TYPE OF PROGRAM WHICH HE ENVISAGES FOR NAMIBIA. HIS ACTION PLAN INCLUDES SEEKING SUPPORT FROM STATES WHICH THUS FAR HAVE NOT "ADEQUATELY" ASSISTED UN CONCERNING NAMIBIA. SECONDLY, PLAN WOULD INVOLVE AUGMENTED "INFORMATION CAMPAIGN." MOST IMPORTANT WOULD BE CREATION OF A "REASEARCH INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA." FULL TEXT OF MCBRIDE SCHEME BEING POUCHED WASHINGTON. MCBRIDE ALSO INTENDS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, TO BRING BEFORE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CASES OF NAMIBIANS HARSHLY TREATED BY SAG.

3. INCIDENTALLY, MCBRIDE INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN VISITING DEPT UPON HIS RETURN IN MARCH, TO DISCUSS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES US GOVT POLICY TOWARD NAMIBIA. MCBRIDE BEMOANED PAUCITY OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE HIM CONCERNING NAMIBIA, AND ASKED WHETHER US GOVT COULD ENCOURAGE UPI TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN WINDHOEK, WITH CORRESPONDENT NAMED THERE PROVIDING INFORMATION INTER ALIA FOR UN. MISOFF TOLD MCBRIDE THAT WE WOULD REPORT THIS INTEREST TO WASHINGTON.

4. MCBRIDE SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANOTHER SC SESSION ON NAMIBIA WAS IMMINENT.
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